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Re: New U.S. Patent Appln.
Our Ref: 028987.52500US

Sir:

Transmitted herewith for filing is the patent application of:

Bernd GAYER, Thomas BRUENING, and Martin FRANK

entitled: **Flexible Gap Covering Between An Adjustable Steering
Column Of A Motor Vehicle And An Instrument Panel And
Method Of Making Same**

Enclosed are:

1. Specification, including twenty-two (22) claims (pages 1-13).
2. Five (5) sheets of formal drawings showing Figs. 1-6.
3. An Application Data Sheet (Two (2) pages).
4. Claim for Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119 including a certified copy of Priority Document **102 42 966.9** filed in **Germany** on **September 17, 2002**.
5. An Information Disclosure Statement including Form PTO-1449 w/four (4) references.
6. The filing fee has been calculated as shown below:

Basic Fee							
Total Claims	<u>22</u>	-	20	=	<u>2</u>	x	\$375/750 = \$750.00
Independent Claims	<u>2</u>	-	3	=	<u>0</u>	x	\$9/18 = \$ 36.00
Multiple Dependent Claim Presented							\$42/84 = \$
Total Filing Fee							\$140/280 = \$
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